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PERFORMING SIGNALING FUNCTIONS AT AN ETHERNET LEVEL**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

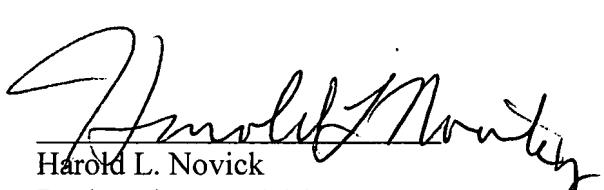
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- (2) Response and Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111.

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 15, 2007. The three month period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire June 15, 2007, making this a timely-filed response.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the presence of allowable subject matter. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all pending Claims.

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.